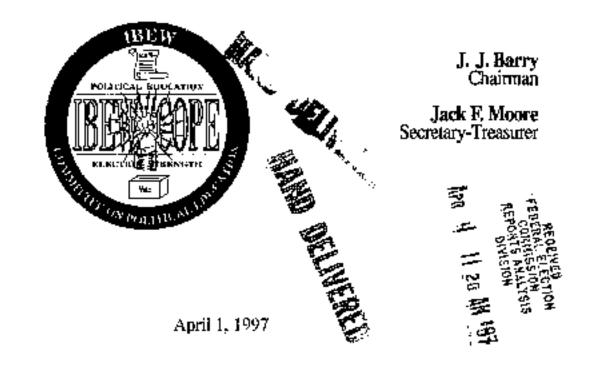
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Mr. Kenneth A. Davis, Jr. Reports Analyst Reports Analysis Division Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mr. Davis:

With regard to your RQ-2, inquiring as to the excessive contribution to the Minnesota Democratic Party. Please find a copy of a refund check form the Minnesota Democratic Party, which will be reflected on line 16 of the Federal Election Commission report for 3/1/97 through 3/31/97.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Edwin D. Hill

Secretary-Treasurer

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The Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

State Central Committee

Dick Senese, Chair Gail Huntley, Associate Chair 352 Wacouta Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101 Phone 612-293-1200 TollFree1-800-999-7457 Fax 612-293-0706

March 7, 1997

IBEW-COPE 1125 15th St. NW Washington, DC 20005 Attn: Cindy Hanson

Dear Cindy:

Enclosed please find a check for \$7,500,00. As we discussed, the United Democratic Fund received the following contributions from the IBEW-COPE during 1996:

1/10/96 \$2,500.00

10/15/96 \$5,000.00

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The DFL Party and its United Democrat Fund has an annual limit of \$5,000.00 and the last two donations bring our total receipts from the IBEW-COPE to a sum that exceeds that limit. The enclosed check will bring us back into compliance for 1995.

Unfortunately, I did not discover this error until after the campaign was over, at which time the money was already spent. The funds needed to cover this check are coming out of my 1997 operating expenses, in order to stay on budget for 1997, I must replenish the account and I am hoping that I can do that with a contribution from you. Since we have received no contributions in 1997 from you, we can legally accept and would greatly appreciate a 1997 contribution of \$5,000 to our federal account and a \$2,500 contribution to our non-federal account. The non-federal check would need to come from your local affiliate, a committee that is registered with the Minnesota State Ethical Practices Board.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and thank you for your generosity to the United Democratic Fund over the years. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (812) 293-1200.

Sincerely.

Charles R. Weed

Coordinated Campaign Director

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